(d) A quantity of 70,000 metric tonnes of rice has been allotted to the Government of Andhra Pradesh from the Central Pool for the Public Distribution System every month during the year 1989 (upto July, 1989). Sub allocation from out of this quantity for ITDP areas is done by the State Government.

**Central Assistance to Tamil Nadu for Drought Relief**

470. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of financial assistance demanded by the Tamil Nadu Government in its memorandum submitted to the Centre for drought relief; and

(b) what is the amount sanctioned by the Central Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Government of Tamil Nadu submitted a memorandum in May, 1989 for drought relief seeking Central assistance amounting to Rs. 221.95 crore. A ceiling of expediture of Rs. 38.05 crore has been approved for the State Government in June, 1989 for drought relief.

**Uniform Municipal set up in the Country**

471. SHRI V. GOPAL SAMY:
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the decisions taken in the first regional Sammelan of elected representatives of Municipalities conducted in Bangalore; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to provide a uniform Municipal set up throughout the country and if so, what are the features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The participants favoured the strengthening of urban local bodies through constitutional recognition, regular elections, assignment of specific functions and resources and coordination of rural and urban development.

(b) The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

**Increase in the prices of indigenous Newsprint**

472. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the increase in the prices of indigenous newsprint;

(b) what is the role of Government in fixing the price of indigenous newsprint; and

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider its earlier decision on demand for permission to the newspapers industry to import newsprint directly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K.K. TEWARY): (a) the increase in the prices of indigenous newsprint is attributable to increase in the cost of production and financial viability of the mills.

(b) Central Government does not exercise any statutory control on the price of newsprint. It has been the practice in the past for the Government to indicate the maximum ex-factory price which may be charged by indigenous newsprint producers from time to time on the basis of recommendations of the Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices. However, the indigenous newsprint mills on their own decided to revise the ex-factory price of newsprint during May/June, 1989.

(c) No, Sir.

**Creation of separate pool for Allotment of Government Accommodation for Staff Employed in Delhi**

473. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that any separate pool for allotment of Government accommodation has been created for the staff employed in various Government Offices located in Delhi in the year 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(b) if so, the names of those offices; and

(c) the number of type IV and above categories of accommodation placed at the disposal of those offices together with the persons entitled to Government accommodation of the respective categories in those offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rajya Sabha Secretariat Pool has been created in May, 1988.

(c) 29 quarters in type IV
2 quarters in type V A
1 quarter in type VI
1 quarter in type VII

The information regarding the Persons in the Rajya Sabha Sectt. entitled for allotment of Govt. accommodation in these categories is not available with Dte. of Estates.

**मुख्तारनामे के आधार पर दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण के फ्लैटों की बिक्री**

474. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि डी०डी०ए० के फ्लैट मुख्तारनामे (पावर आफ अटर्नी) के आधार पर ब्लैक में बेचे जा रहे हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान विभिन्न श्रेणियों के कितने फ्लैट जारी किये गये और इनमें से कितने फ्लैट "पावर आफ अटर्नी" के आधार पर बेचे गए हैं ; और

(ग) इस प्रकार की 'काला बाजारी' को रोकने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं ?

**शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलबीर सिंह)** : (क) यह तथ्य कि दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण के फ्लैटों के संबंध में कुछ मामलों में मुख्तारनामे के आधार पर सौदे होते हैं, जो सरकार के ध्यान में हैं ।

(ख) विभिन्न श्रेणियों के अन्तर्गत दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा अब तक आवंटित किये गये फ्लैटों की कुल संख्या 1,66,471 है । पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अथवा कोई अन्य अवधि में मुख्तारनामे के जरिये हुये सौदों की संख्या की सरकार को जानकारी नहीं है, चूंकि वे किसी सरकारी प्राधिकरण को सूचित नहीं किये जाते हैं ; और

(ग) दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण ने अपेक्षानुसार सुधारों का सिलसिला